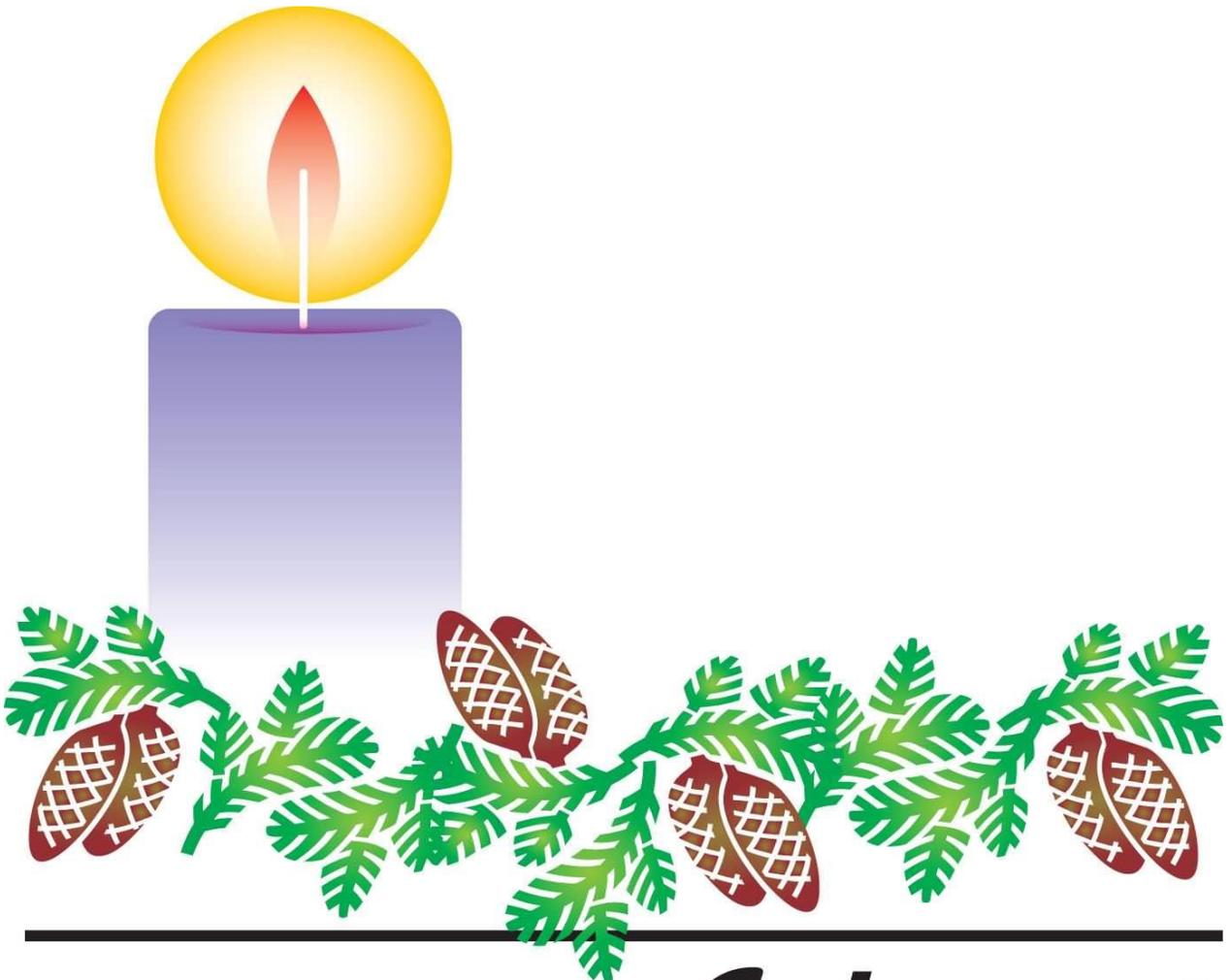


December 3, 2017



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

St. Philip's Lutheran Church

ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Gathering

Welcome

Prelude "Tif in Veldele"

Yiddish folk tune

**Confession
and
Forgiveness** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who comes to wake us from sleep,
who leads us into the light of grace.

Amen.

Let us prepare the way of the Lord
by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

God of all time,
*we confess that we have not prepared
for your merciful reign among us.
We ignore our neighbors in need
and fail in the labor of justice and peace.
In your mercy forgive us.
Grant us wisdom to welcome your light
and to seek the things that will endure
until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.*

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

In † Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven
and all things are made new.

Rejoice in this good news!

Amen.

Gathering

Hymn "Fling Wide the Door"

ELW 259

Greeting ...be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Word

First Reading **Isaiah 64: 1 - 9**

This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40–55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account—to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past.

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— ²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. ⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 80: *Refrain*

1 - 7,
17 - 19

Let your face shine up - on us and
we shall be saved, and we shall be saved.

Tone

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.

²**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and | come to help us.**

³Restore | us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

⁴**O LORD| God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your | people**

pray? R

⁵You have fed them with the | bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.

⁶**You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.**

⁷Restore us, O | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

¹⁷**Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand,
the one you have made so strong | for yourself. R**

¹⁸And so will we never turn a- | way from you;
give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.

¹⁹**Restore us, O LORD| God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved. R**

Second 1 Corinthians 1: 3 - 9

Reading *As the Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus, Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.*

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Lighting of the Advent

Paul, Monica, Grace and Colleen Costello

Wreath Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek your ways of justice and peace, for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near. Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath.

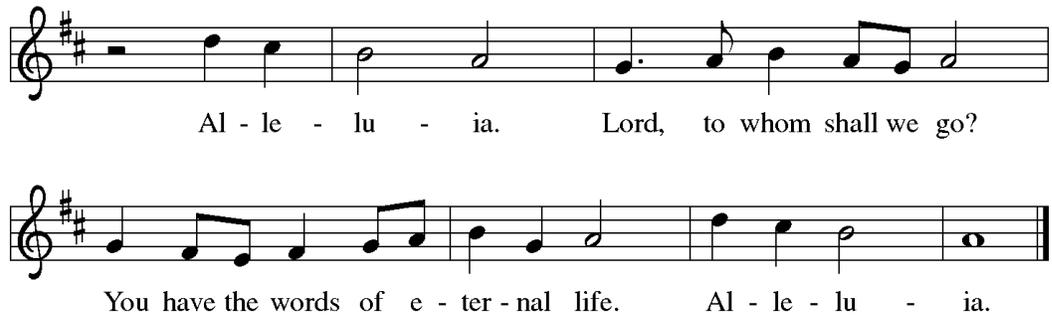
Rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes and welcome him into our hearts and homes, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.

Amen.

Hymn “Light one Candle to watch for Messiah” v. 1

ELW 240

**Gospel
Acclamation**



Mark 13: P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th chapter.
24 - 37 C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

In today's reading, Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.

[Jesus said:] ²⁴“In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

Choir Anthem “Somebody Build a Manger”

by Joel Raney

Sermon

Pastor Tuula Van Gaasbeek

Hymn of the Day “My Lord, What a Morning”

ELW 438

Prayers of Intercession **P:** Lord, in your mercy,
C: *hear our prayer.*

Peace **P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: *And also with you.*

Meal

Offering Hymn “Lord Our God, with Praise We Come”

ELW 730

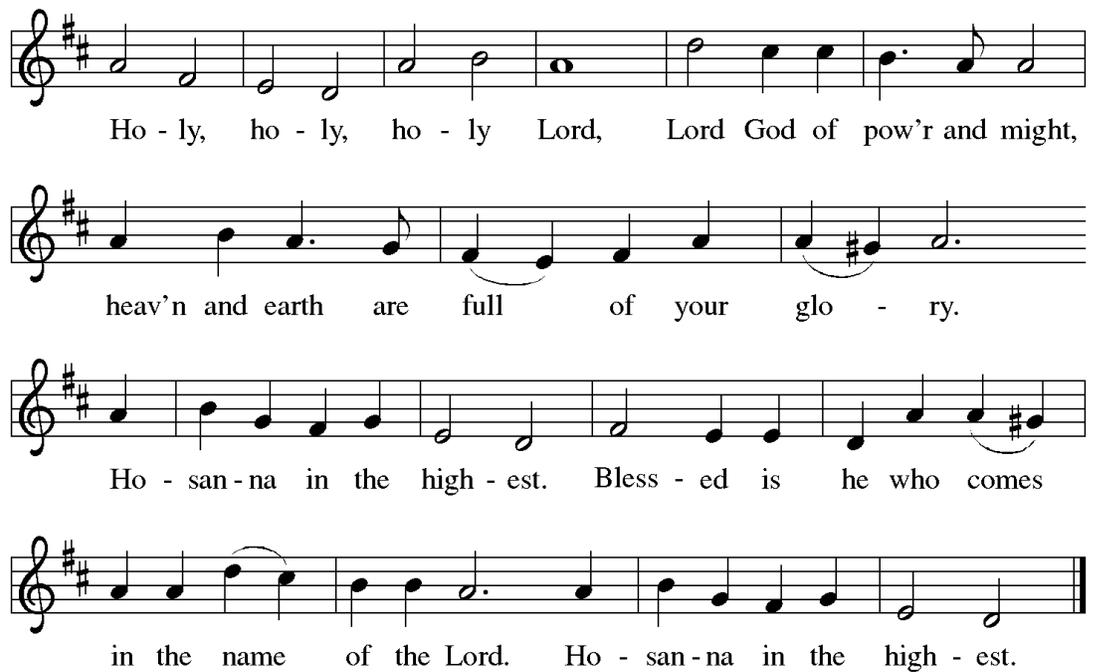
Offering Prayer Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light. *Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving **P:** The Lord be with you.
C: *And also with you.*

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

P: It is indeed right...we praise your name and join their unending hymn



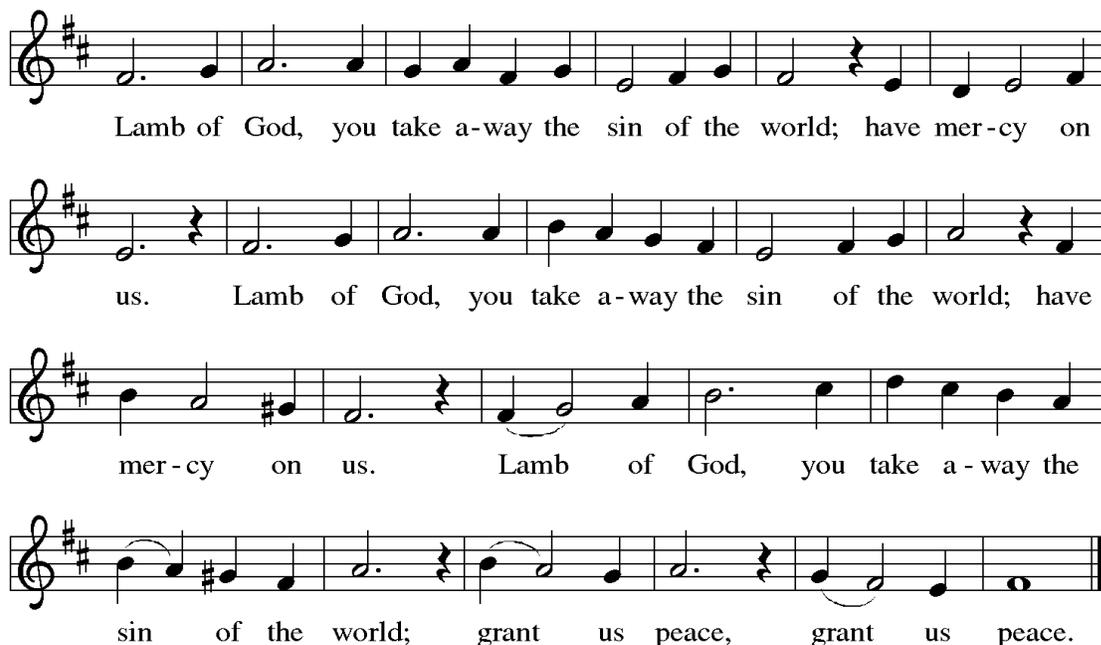
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Thanksgiving
 at the Table P:** In the night...Amen.

Lord's

Prayer C: *Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.*

Communion



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion

Hymn

“What Feast of Love”

ELW 487

Prayer After Communion

God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sending

Blessing

May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Song

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

ELW 242

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.
C: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude

“Decembre (Noël)”

by P. I. Tchaikovsky
(please remain seated or leave quietly.)

SERVING US TODAY

Assisting Minister	Emily Wuschnakowski
Audio	Gary Wushnakowski
Lector	Marisa Jefkins
Communion Server	Arlene Somerville
Ushers	Jeanette and Percy Elliott
Greeter	Leslie Piller
Altar	Angela Shaw
Counters	Dave Brown, Alex Kretchman
Coffee Set-up	Inge Brauer, Valeria Wuschnakowski
Coffee Clean-up	Pirjo Setchell, Bonnie Erlandson
Baked Goods	Tina Walker, Jeanette Elliott

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THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

DAY	TIME	PROGRAM
Monday	7:15 pm	Joyful Noise Bell Choir
Tuesday	10:30 - 11:30 am	Gentle Fitness for Seniors
	11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Euchre
	5:00 - 6:30 pm	Homework Club
Wednesday	10:00 am	Cover Girls Sewing Group
	7:30 pm	Choir
Thursday	10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Moms and Tots
Friday	6:30 pm	Yoga

REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our prayers....

Rodney Erlandson, Sabine George, Marisa Jefkins, Mark Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Julie Potocny, Terry Potter, Janice Rouse, Diane Roy, Elga Smidt, Chris Suknundun, and Hugh Wood.

TODAY: Please attend our Christmas Market today in the Fellowship Hall. Items go on sale before and after worship. Be sure to place your bids on silent auction items.

Homework Club Tutors needed! Please sign up for a time slot of 5:00 - 6:30 pm one Tuesday in November or December. Please consider this volunteer opportunity.

Wednesday, December 6th, 13th, and 20th @ 6:30 pm: Advent “Unwrapped” - Please join Pastor Tuula as she unwraps the themes of hope, peace, and joy week by week. Light refreshments provided.

Saturday, December 9th @ 3:00 - 5:00 pm: Poinsettia pick up. SPY will also meet for tree decorating and Master chef Challenge.

Thursday, December 14th @ 12:00 pm: 50+ Christmas Luncheon. Please sign up by December 10th. Tickets: \$25/person. Concert will follow @ **2:00 pm** with New Horizons Band.



Sunday, December 17th: Christmas Pageant and Music Sunday followed by Potluck Luncheon. Please see bulletin board to sign up for needed help and items for the lunch.

VISION STATEMENT

*We are a diverse and inclusive Lutheran faith community freed by the grace of Christ to find God and self as we connect with our neighbours. We **practise** hospitality of open hearts and open arms. We **unite** with partners to make a difference in our neighbourhood. We **nurture** community of Christ.*

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES



Sunday, December 24th @ 4:30 pm:
Traditional worship service with carols, candlelight, and Holy Communion.



Sunday, December 24th @ 9:00 pm:
Jazz worship service with candlelight and Holy Communion featuring Jamie Bird on drums, John MacMurchy on sax, Ross MacIntyre on bass, Stacey MacIntyre on vocals, and our Music Director, Boris Treivus, on piano.

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